CIDOC Working Group Data Harvesting and Interchange Report 2014

 The 2014 meetings of the Data Harvesting and Interchange Working Group took place in conjunction with the CIDOC Annual Conference in Dresden, Germany.

On September 6th, the Working Group had a full-day annual meeting with 19 attendees at the Japanisches Palais in Dresden. The meeting focused on different ways LIDO is being implemented by museums and aggregators, with the goal of discussing practices that could be adopted by the broader community. Gordon McKenna (Collections Trust) started the meeting with a presentation on a practical guide to implementing LIDO with different types of objects. Museums and aggregators then shared their experiences using LIDO, and advancements they've made, which included presentations from Yale Center for British Art, the German Digital Library, Europeana Inside, Partage Plus, and digiCULT-Verbund Kiel.

Two meetings took place on September 8th and 9th during the CIDOC annual conference. The first meeting focused on challenges with the flexibility of the LIDO schema. Many sections in the schema allow for providing more refined information about the semantics of the provided data, but lack clear advice on how to use them, with examples hidden in the specification. The German Working Group has been addressing this issue by starting creating LIDO terminology with semantic definitions. Efforts from this working group were presented and discussed. It was concluded to make this particular issue the main working item for the next year, specifically to formalize and extend recommendations for select parts of the schema into a systematic, machine-processable set of recommendations.

The second meeting focused on how vendors and aggregators are using LIDO, challenges they have, tools that are being developed, and relationships with content providers. A preview of the results from the Europeana Inside project were shared, in which vendors discussed LIDO export tools they've created. Representatives from Axiell ALM (Adlib), zetcom Ltd. (MuseumPlus), Gallery Systems (TMS), Collections Trust (Europeana Inside), and Artstor (Shared Shelf) presented during the meeting.

Additionally, a LIDO Introductory Workshop was conducted on September 7th, which offered a background to data standards, a thorough introduction to the LIDO format, and included a practical mapping exercise to LIDO. LIDO workshops have also been given throughout the year.

Finally, the Data Harvesting and Interchange Working Group agreed to change its name to the LIDO Working Group, which was approved by the CIDOC Board and announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the CIDOC Annual Conference in Dresden.

The Data Harvesting and Interchange Working Group was established in 2009 as an official home for LIDO. The Working Group maintains the LIDO schema, centralizes relevant documentation, and serves as a place to evaluate LIDO's progress, implementations and understanding within the greater community. At the time of the Working Group's inception, LIDO had not been officially published yet. Therefore, the

Working Group was named "Data Harvesting and Interchange." However, the Working Group has only ever focused on LIDO. In order to accurately reflect the scope and focus of the Working Group, and to properly acknowledge LIDO's home within CIDOC, it was decided to change the name to the LIDO Working Group.

Programme for 2015

Dissemination and Training

Continue to disseminate activities about LIDO, extension of the online documentation and providing training workshops for people starting to work with LIDO.

LIDO Terminology

Formalize and extend recommendations for select parts of the LIDO schema into a systematic, machine-processable set of recommendations.

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